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SUBJECT: GREECE/EC RELATIONS: KONTOGIORGHIS ASSUME MAJOR ROLE
IN GOG

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1. COORDINATION MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY GEORGE KONTOGIORGHIS
HAS BEEN NAMED AS THE KEY MAN WITHIN THE GOG FOR MANAGING
ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GREECE'S COMING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC,
INCLUDING COORDINATING ALL REQUIRED DOMESTIC MEASURES, OVERSEEING
THE TECHNICAL-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS (HEADED BY AMBASSADOR THEO-
DOROPOULOS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY -- SEE REF. B), AND DEPUTIZING
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FOR COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS AT MINISTERIAL-LEVEL
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC. KONTOGIORGHIS WILL RETAIN RE-
SPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE COORDINATION MINISTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS -- INCLUDING THE USA PORTFOLIO -- BUT
ALL HIS OTHER FORMER RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE ASSUMED
BY THE OTHER UNDERSECRETARY, ARISTIDES KALATZAKOS.

2. LONTOGIORGHIS, ENERGETIC AND YOUNGER IN APPEARANCE
THAN HIS 65 YEARS, IS ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE AND THOROUGHLY
PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS IN THE GOG. HE ENTERED THE COMMERCE
MINISTRY IN 1933 AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS. HE ENJOYS THE
CONFIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALI-
GOURAS, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE NECESSARY IN STEERING A COURSE
THROUGH THE COMPLEXITIES AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES
INVOLVED IN HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY. AN EISENHOWER FELLOW
(1957), HIS IS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US AND HAVE PROVED INVARIABLY
FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL IN A RANGE OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL ISSUES OVER
THE PAST TWO YEARS.
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